

Minutes of the Council on Aging Meeting

Wed., March 20, 2019

Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 11:00 a.m.

Present were: Bruce Bernstein, Chairman, Eve Goldberg, Georgette Kinney, Helen Krancer, Carolyn Palmucci, Peg Muskrat, Adm. Asst.

The idea of hosting a COA event at the Kellogg Center/Greenagers was discussed. Peg will contact Will Conklin to see about co-sponsoring this. Bob and Bill Warner, whose family owned the house, would talk about their experiences growing up there.

Minutes from February 20, 2019 were approved.

March Luncheon was well received. The Culinary Arts Class, from Mt. Everett High School, provided lunch. When we use them again it should be on a day when they don't have to rush back so that they have time to stay and explain their mission.

Eunice Agar is leading our next event on April 3rd. She is a local artist and will be demonstrating how she begins an oil painting. Georgette will provide floor protection.

On April 7th the COA will host an opera event at the EVI. "The Telephone", written by Menotti will be performed. A donation of \$10.00 will be appreciated.

2019 - 2020 calendar was discussed. It was agreed that the mile walk at French Park would continue to be held and that Liz Keen would present. Also, it was agreed that nice plastic instead of china would be used at the October Tea/birthday party. A local artist, Margot Trout, will be asked to make a presentation at a future luncheon. Also, the thought to have an audiologist present was well received.

The "Be Seen, Be safe" program continues to be highly regarded and the vests continue to be regularly distributed.

Georgette made a comprehensive presentation on the impact of hearing loss on the quality of life of elderly adults. She put together and passed out to the board a packet which illustrates hearing loss statistics. She also briefly reviewed several programs that support people with hearing loss as well as the name of a local doctor, Glen Datres, who could provide additional potential resources. The board discussed possible ways that it could be supportive of the programming available for hearing loss.

Age Friendly Berkshires has produced a short film which they would like to present to the community. "Be Seen, Be safe" is mentioned in the film. The board suggested that Bruce involve the Egremont Selectmen.

Peg is following up with Mary McGurn on dates and times for a computer class.

On May 29 there is a Senior Safety Lunch at the Great Barrington Senior Center. More details to follow.

Next meeting will be April 17 at 11:00.

Meeting adjourned at 12:03.

Respectfully submitted,

Eve Goldberg